

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Friday Morning, Sept. 11, 1868.
TO ADVERTISERS.
Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.
TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

Tardy Friends are Hidden Enemies.

There probably never was a movement, having for its object the reform of any existing abuses set on foot, which did not suggest and even assist to call into existence opposition, counter movements, and different plans for reform or improvement; this may in a great measure account for that natural superiority which popular, as opposed to despotic forms of government, are almost universally allowed to possess. It seems to be denied to mortals to live under any form of Government which shall attain to perfection; nevertheless men do not weary of aiming at perfection, nor do they despair of attaining such superiority as shall satisfy the expectations of perfection as they exist within the minds of mortals. It is fortunate that this is the case, for in political science if all were contented to follow in one groove, it would be nearly impossible that countries should advance to any system of government approaching even to excellence, for that which in the opinion of those who superintend the working of the machine, most nearly approaches to perfection, viewed from a different point by those who provide the means, and for whose supposed benefit the whole system of government is adjusted, sinks down far below the level of mediocrity. Now, although we may admit that there is no hope of the Convention achieving perfection, by means of such reforms and alterations as they may effect in our system of government, there is no reason that they should not aim at excellence, indeed they would not rightly discharge their duty to the people were they to aim at anything short of it. It cannot be expected that the whole population of this Colony will be undivided in their opinion as to the means most calculated to lead us to the highest excellence that can be achieved by any system of government that may be adopted, but it is scarcely possible that opinion can be divided if we except that unfortunate division of opinion which exists between the members of the government and the people upon the necessity of a radical and immediate change in the organization of public affairs in the Colony. Let it be granted then that there is sufficient unanimity upon this one starting point, and these who favor Confederation will find their hands strengthened materially by the promulgation of all the different theories, that can be devised by those who give the subject of reform any consideration whatever, there is always danger of too little mature consideration being bestowed upon subjects which are passed with so much unanimity, as barely to evoke discussion. With the great question of Confederation this might be the case, if nothing were heard against it; the very men who oppose Confederation, provided that they are in earnest in desiring the Colony to progress, will do good service in guarding against any rights or privileges being sacrificed by those strong partisans who may happen to be in favor of Confederation at any price. No doubt many shades of opinion will be represented at the Convention, and there is no fear of there being any lack of discussion upon the main questions of the day. The more free the discussion the more hope will there be of excellence in the decisions arrived at; so long as there is unanimity of action after ample ventilation of all subjects brought before the Convention, there can be no fear that the true interests of the Colony will be neglected. The people of the Colony may safely rely upon those who are part and parcel of them they are much more likely to meet with straightforward dealing in public life from those who are striving for something beyond the retention of the salary of an office, than from those whose very position and income depends in a great measure upon the will or caprice of a single individual, and who apparently have but little in the service to which they belong beyond the desire to make a good living out of it upon as easy terms as possible. There is one class, however, which the people of this Colony will have to beware of—a class which have not yet come to the surface, but which will undoubtedly show themselves before the end of the present system arrives. We would especially caution the members of the Yale Convention against this class—they will offer themselves to the cause

of Confederation as friends, when they feel that it inevitable, as in all stages of history they have done to other good and noble causes, and they are fully capable of mischief even at the last. We allude of course to Government rats; we have spoken of wire-pulling on the part of Government officials, and have not some of us heard members of the Government expressing themselves as not unfavorable to entertaining the question of Confederation when the proper time arrives. Let the Convention beware of such tardy friends, and let them take active and certain means to counteract any attempts on the part of such men to influence the Colonial office when the change in our constitution is in progress, they must be steadily watched, and the Convention must not forget this, or it may chance that so much of the old leaven may find its way into the new system as shall make it as unpalatable as that from which we now seek to rid ourselves.

New Advertisements.
WANTED.
A STRONG ACTIVE YOUTH ABOUT 17 years of age as Apprentice to Plumbing and Gasfitting. Apply to J. SPENCER, Yates Street.
\$500 Reward.
WHEREAS THERE IS REASON TO believe that the Frame Dwelling situated on Pembroke street, belonging to John Plonon, was maliciously set on fire, a Reward of Five Hundred dollars is hereby offered by the undersigned for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons concerned in the outrage.
SPROAT & CO. Agents Royal Insurance Co. Store street, Victoria, 10th Sept., 1868. sell

CONSIGNEES NOTICE.
BARK PRINCESS ROYAL, JAMES ANDERSON, Master, from London.
This vessel is discharging cargo at the Hudson's Bay Company's Wharf at Esquimalt. Consignees are requested to call at the Office of the Hudson's Bay Company, Wharf street, Victoria, pay freight, and receive orders for their goods. sell 1m

NOTICE
NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR THE Owners of the Bark Princess Royal, will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of said vessel. sell 1m

Ex "Spirit of the Age."

LANGLEY & CO.
Have received a full Assortment of

Grimault's & Co.'s Celebrated Preparations.
The Choicest Parisian Perfumery of Rigaud & Co.'s and Lubin.
Vicat's Flea Powder in Bellows, Blowers and Bins.
Gonell's Treble Distilled Lavender Water
Wright's Coal Tar Soap.
Trusses of the most Approved Styles.
Curling's Cod Liver Oil.
Letchford's Pomades, Oils and Soaps.

Also, a Large Assortment of
Pure Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, &c. sell 10

Valuable Farm to Lease.
TO LEASE, FOR A TERM OF 3, 5 or 7 years, a valuable Farm at Esquimalt, comprising 310 acres of very fertile land. The soil is of the best quality, and has been raised this season upwards of 200 tons of produce have been raised this season.
Nearly all the Farm is Prairie Land, well watered, and offers great advantages to any person wishing to farm extensively.
The House and Farm Buildings are substantially built and in good repair.
There is a Dairy of 9 Cows; 2 Yoke of Working Oxen, 20 head of Store Cattle, and 100 Hogs, &c., all of which can be taken at a valuation if required.
The steamer Sir James Douglas makes monthly trips to Comox, and the sheep Alarm fortnightly, and offers great facilities for shipping produce.
For further particulars apply to MR. BALLY, the owner. Comox, V. I., Aug. 28th, 1868. sell 1m d & w

NOTICE.
THE PARTNERSHIP HITHERTO existing between the undersigned, carrying on business in this city as Butchers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due by the Firm will be paid by Edward Dickinson, who will continue the business, and is alone authorized to collect all outstanding accounts.
Signed EDWARD DICKINSON, WILLIAM H. MARSHALL
Witness—Chas. E. Bunting. Victoria, V. I., B. C., Sept. 8, 1868.

Road Tax, 1868—District of Lake.
THE STATUTE LABOUR IN THE above District will very shortly be called out. Tenders are required from Settlers and others, and will be received till the 14th inst., for the repair of that portion of the main road between the "Royal Oak" and the boundary of Victoria District.
Terms and particulars, with specification of works, together with copy of Assessment Roll for 1868, can be seen at the "Royal Oak" Tavern, Junction of the East and West Roads, Lake District, or at the Office of the undersigned.
By order, EDWD. MALLANDRAINE, Clerk and Assessor for the Boards of Road Commission. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 8th, 1868. sell

NOTICE
THE OWNER OF A SPECKLED Roan Cow, Red Neck, Branded on the Left Hip B. P., and with a piece cut out of the Right Ear, is hereby notified to call and pay charges for damages done on my property, or she will be sold at auction within one week from date.
W. MILLINGTON, Esquimalt. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 7th, 1868. sell 1w

Road Tax, 1868—Esquimalt District.
THE STATUTE LABOUR IN THE above District will be called out immediately at the close of Harvesting works. Tenders are required and will be received till the 11th September, from Settlers in the District and others, to repair that portion of the Craigflower Road, late in Victoria West.
Terms and particulars, with specification of Works, can be seen, together with Assessment Roll for 1868, at the House of Mr. James Stewart, beyond the 4-mile house, Craigflower Road, or at the Office of the undersigned, Government street.
By order, EDWD. MALLANDRAINE, Clerk and Assessor for the Boards of Road Commission. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 4th, 1868. sell 10t

BUFFALO TONGUES AND HUMPS.
NICELY CURED BUFFALO TONGUES and HUMPS, lately received from the Territory of Montana, United States.
For Sale at the HUDSON BAY COMPANY'S STORE. 641m

New Advertisements.
HENRY NATHAN Jr & Co
OFFER
FOR SALE
EX
Spirit of the Age,
FROM LONDON.

Clothing
1000 prs Trowers, Assorted Tweed
Fancy and Ribbed Do., &c.
Waistcoats, Inverness Capes,
Different Qualities, Boys' and Mens'
Baltic Shirts, Twill, Fancy and Plaid,
with and without Collars
Serge and Hickory Shirts
Boys' Suits, a Large Assortment
Umbrellas, Silk, Alpaca and Cotton
Neckties, Woollen Gloves, &c.

Dry Goods
600 pieces Prints, New Styles
Shawls, French Merinos, Alpaccas, Coburgs, Flannels
White and Colored; **Thibets, Plaids, Scarlet Cloth, Curtain Repps, Jackets, Assorted; Corsets, Regatta, Checks, Hickory, Ribbons, Lustres, &c., &c.**

ALSO,
1050 cs Old Tom, Swain, Boord & Co.'s
Old Tom, Swain, Boord & Co.'s, in bulk
Rum, Best Jamaica, 30 over-proof
Gin, Green Case, Red Case and in Bulk, J. D. K. Z.
Hennessy & Martell Brandy, in Case
Otard & Jules Robin, in Bulk
Orange Bitters, Swain, Boord & Co's
Port, Hunt's 4 Diamond, Case and Bulk
Sherry, Scotch Whiskey, & Liquors

Tin Plate, I. X. Charcoal
Barbours Shoe Thread, bleached and unbleached
Fish Lines and Hooks
Sienc & Sturgeon Twine
Wrapping Twine
Dry Paints
Lamp Black
Chamois Skins
Bar Lead, &c., &c.

200 cs Devoe's Coal Oil,
Liverpool Salt.

Groceries
Sardines, in bond and duty paid
U. S. Tea, Isthmus Butter, Lard
Coffee, Sugars (Refined & Brown)
Yeast Powder, Candles, Beans
Syrup, Raisins
Sultanas, Plagniol Oil
Vinegar, best Malt
Field's Oysters, and other Case Goods, a full assortment
Pie Fruits, Pickles, Sauces
Blue, Paste, Vienna Matches
Tobacco, Spices, Chocolate
Oat and Corn Meal, Corn Starch
Brooms, Beef, Pork, Salt
Dried and Preserved Fruits and Vegetable, Paper &c., &c

Hy. NATHAN, Jr. & Co.,
Wharf street, Victoria. au31

New Advertisements.
New Fall Goods, 1868.
FINDLAY & DURHAM
Are now Landing Ex PRINCESS ROYAL from London
60 cases & 48 bales General Merchandize,
FOR THE FALL TRADE, COMPRISING
Dry Goods, Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery, Hats and Caps, Blankets, Boots and Shoes, &c., &c.
All of which are offered to the TRADE at LOW RATES. sell

Sproat & Co.
OFFER
FOR SALE
The undermentioned
GOODS!
Ex Spirit of the Age,
FROM LONDON
Liquors, &c.

ALE—Bass in pints and quarts
McEwan's Edinburgh, in pts & qts
Allsopp's, in pts and qts
BRANDY—Hennessy's Pale, in blk & os
Martell's do do
J. Robin & Co's do do
RUM—Fine Old Jamaica, in puncheons
WHISKEY—Camacho Fine Malt, in bulk and case
GIN—Geneva, in Green and Red cases
OLD TOM—Swaine, Boord & Co's, in cs
GINGER BRANDY— do
ORANGE BITTERS— do
CHERRY CORDIAL—Herring's do
SHERRY—Ronaldson's, in bulk & case, different qualities
PORT—Ronaldson's, in bulk and case, do
Hooper's, in bulk
CHAMPAGNE—Cliquet's, in quarts
A. Collins' in pints and quarts

Groceries, &c.
SOAP—Very sup. Pale Yellow, in 56lb bxs
Flat Bar, Yellow 18 do
Harp do 18 do
Double Brown, Pale 28 do
Blue Marbled 28 do
Marine do 28 do
London and Best London 56 do
VINEGAR—No 24, in bulk
Amber, in case
MIXED; PICKLES—White Onions
Bottled Fruits
CHICORY POWDER, Homeo Cocca
MUSTARD, Arrowroot Chocolate
CURRANTS—In Half Barrels
CANDLES—Hale's British Sperm, in 25lb boxes
CHEESE
HAMS

Sundries
PAINTER'S COLORS—White Lead
Nos 1 & 2, in 28lb kegs
Black Paint, do
Yellow do do
Green do do
Red do do
BOILED LINSEED OIL—In drums
and casks
PIG IRON
BURLAPS, Bagging, Turkish Towels,
Bunting
WINE CORKS
FLOOR CLOTH. au20

\$10 Reward
THE ABOVE REWARD WILL BE paid to any person who will deliver to Mr. Millington, of Esquimalt, the following cattle, the property of the Rev. A. C. Garrett, two of which were near the Naval Hospital on Wednesday, July 2nd, but have since been missing.
1 Red Heifer, 2 years old, with some white marks, chiefly on the tail and hind legs, right ear slit, hair on the end of the tail cut square across.
1 Red steer, 1 year old, right ear slit, hair on the end of the tail cut square across.
1 Yellow and White Steer, 1 year old, right ear slit, hair on the end of the tail cut square across; last seen close to Farmers'. au31

Home Production!
GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE,
CHEAP FOR CASH.
HEYWOOD'S
Celebrated Island Cured Bacon,
AT RETAIL.
Only 20 cents per Pound; 2½ Pounds for 50 cents, the Smallest Quantity Sold. sell 2m

HOSTETTER'S
CELEBRATED
STOMACH BITTERS!
A PURE AND POWERFUL TONIC
CORRECTIVE AND ALTERATIVE
Of Wonderful Efficacy in Diseases
OF THE
STOMACH, LIVER AND BOWELS.
PROTECTIVE PROPERTIES.
Prevents Fever and Ague and Billious Humoral Fevers
Fortifies the System against Malaria and the evil effects of unwholesome water; invigorates the organs of digestion and the bowels;
Steadies the Nerves and Tends to Prolong Life.
REMEDIAL PROPERTIES.
Cures Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Sick and Nervous Headache, General Debility, Nervousness, Depression of Spirits, Constipation, Colic, Intermittent Fevers, Sea Sickness, Cramps and Spasms, and all complaints of either sex arising from Bodily Weakness, whether inherent in the system or PRODUCED BY SPECIAL CAUSES.
As a genuine Tonic, HOSTETTER'S BITTERS produce effects which must be experienced or witnessed before they can be fully appreciated.
Persons of feeble habit, liable to Nervous Attacks, Loss of Spirits, and Fits of Languor, find prompt and permanent relief from the Bitters. The testimony on this point is most conclusive, and from both sexes.
Indigestion, indurated with Fever and Ague, it has been found infallible as a preventive and irresistible as a remedy. Thousands who resort to it if under apprehension of an attack, escape the scourge; and thousands who neglect to avail themselves of its protective qualities in advance, are cured by a very brief course of this marvelous medicine.
Acting as a gentle and painless aperient, as well as upon the liver, it invariably relieves the Constipation superinduced by irregular action of the digestive and secretory organs.

[SOLD] EVERYWHERE!
[HOSTETTER, SMITH & CO.]
DRUGGISTS,
y20 6m is San Francisco?
Office of the California, Oregon and Mexico Steamship Co.
SUPPLY OF MEAT FOR THE STEAMERS.
SEALED TENDERS UNTIL THE 1st October next, for the supply of whatever Meats may be required by the Steamships of this Company touching at this port during the year commencing October 1st, proximo, are requested at this office, addressed to the undersigned.
A uniform price per pound for Beef, Mutton, Fresh Pork and Sausage meat, should be stated, without discount as to the part of the carcass.
A bond, with approved security, in the sum of \$1000 will be required. The draft and a portion of the Contract to be at the expense of the successful competitor.
No bid will necessarily be accepted.
W. T. WELCKER, Agent. sell 10

NOTICE.
A FINAL DIVIDEND IN THE ESTATE of Esquimalt & Co. will be paid at the Office of Messrs. John Wille & Co., Wharf street, on and after assday, the 25th instant.
D. LENEVY, JOHN WILKE, Assignees. Victoria, July 25, 1868. sell 10

To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &c.
AT
VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS,
VICTORIA, V.I.
Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles.
The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as: CLOTH, LINEN, &c., also on
White and Printed Calicoes, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also on
Hand in Great Variety.
au27
Wm. DENNY, Manager,

Biscuit, Crackers
AND
PILOT BREAD.
MANUFACTURED AT THE GORRAIG FLOWER BAKERY, by K. MCKENZIE.
For Sale in Lots to Suit.
Apply to THOS. LETT STAHLSCHEIDT, June 11th, 1868. Jul 26m 1e

NOTICE.
FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I will only accept COIN for RENTS as well as for any other payments to be made to me.
au30 Ld. LOWENBERG

F. S. BUSHELL,
Pianoforte Tuner & Regulator,
JOHNSON STREET. au29
Steamboat Exchange Hotel
AND
CONCERT ROOMS,
ESQUIMALT, B. C.
Wines, Liquors & Cigars
Of the Choicest Brands are dispensed at the Bar by
GREEN & WILSON, Proprietors.
Lady Waitresses in Attendance.
LITTLE PETER is always on hand with his Oysters and Chicken Fixings. au26

THE ALHAMBRA.
The Alhambra Saloon.
YATES STREET.
IS STILL CONDUCTED IN ITS USUAL happy manner. Civility, Good Liquors, and Cigars being the secret of success.
The Proprietor is ever mindful to give his attention to the same for the benefit of his patrons.
W. FARRON, Proprietor. au16
TO PACKERS AND TRADERS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.
The Undersigned offers for Sale at Moderate Rates,
50 or 60 Head of WELL-BRED CATTLE,
IN GOOD CONDITION,
Consisting of
Cows, 2 and 3 years old, Heifers and Steers, &c.
If not previously sold by Private Contract, will be sold by AUCTION, by J. P. DAVIES & CO., at VICTORIA, on the 19th or 20th of SEPTEMBER.
J. D. PEMBERTON. Aug. 31 1868. British Columbian and Examiner copy. sell

Friday Morning, Sept. 11, 1868.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

Sept 9—Sch Discovery, Rudlin, Nanaimo
Ship Princess Royal, Anderson, London
Sept 10—Stmr Active, Floyd, Portland
Stmr G S Wright, Langdon, Portland
CLEARED.
Sept 10—Stmr Active, Floyd, Nanaimo
Stmr G S Wright, Langdon, Port Townsend
Ship Discovery, Rudlin, Nanaimo
Ship Spirit of the Age, Alclimensen, Burrard Inlet

PASSENGERS.

Per stmr ACTIVE from Portland—C. Lee, W. McMillen, H. Hogue, W. Baxter, J. Brown, G. Bernard, P. Ritz and Lady, J. H. Hiramson, J. B. Maynard, J. W. Goring, Peter McCarthy wife and child, Miss Mary McCarthy, Joe P. Smith, Geo. E. Senner, John Logan, C. B. Henderson, J. J. Hamilton, Mrs. Dr. Q. L. Adams, Mrs. Elmer, Mrs. Allatt and child, Kate Elmer, W. Allatt, D. W. Rothschild, J. Vogel, J. McKinley, Jacob Smith, Miss E. West, Sam. Lee and wife, A. B. Robertson and wife, Geo. Denison, and 10 others.

CONSIGNEES.

Per stmr ACTIVE from Portland—M. S. J. Heron, J. T. Rieve, A. M. N., G. Promis, L. S. N., M. & B. R. C. Capt. Finch, R. Carr, Stuart, & Co., H. W. Macdonnell, Wolf & Morris, S. H. Mann, J. R. S. H., P. M. R. N.

IMPORTS.

Per stmr ACTIVE from Portland—221 qr. sds flour 109 bxs fruit, 2 bxs tonnage, 10 pkgs furniture, 6 ccs malt, 1 ccs sugar, 1 box, 1 bx shirts, 2 bxs hops, 24 sds wheat 59 sds oats.

Municipal Council.

TUESDAY, Sept. 8, 1868.

His Worship the Mayor and Councilors Lewis, McKay, Allatt, Gibbs, and Crump were present.

Communication from the Secretary of the Victoria Gas Company, giving notice that the Company were about making excavations on Broughton and Courtenay streets, in order to supply gas light to St. Andrew's Church, read, and on motion permission granted, subject to the supervision of the Street Committee.

Communication from Arthur Porter, asking permission to remove the present sidewalk in front of his half lot on Johnson street, and to replace it by a new one, read, on motion permission granted, subject to the supervision of the Street Committee.

An account from the Daily Colonist for \$55, read, and on motion, referred to Finance Committee.

A communication from the Hon. Attorney General, on the subject of the number of thistles left to seed in different parts of the city, and requesting that the requisite action for their destruction may be immediately taken under the full power existing in the Corporation, before they spread to the open country to the injury of all citizens, read and on motion received and laid over for further consideration.

Councillor Lewis called the attention of the Council to the existence of a dangerous hole at the corner of Douglas and Yates street, and on motion a sum not exceeding \$5 was placed at the disposal of the Street Committee for repairing the same.

The Finance Committee reported on the amended account of John Jeffery, and recommended payment.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that there had been no reply from the Government to his communication, respecting James Bay Bridge, and, further, that if no answer were received by the next trip of the Enterprise from New Westminster, he should assume the responsibility of closing the said bridge to the public.

Council adjourned until next Tuesday unless previously convened by His Worship the Mayor.

THE 'ZEALOUS'.—A party of gentlemen from Oregon City have recently visited this place, and in a communication to the Enterprise give the following description of the ironclad Zealous: "She is a 20 gun frigate; has 25, 7 inch guns, four Armstrong rifled guns—12 pounders, carries 575 men. She was sent out by the mother Government to protect the colonies against the Fenian Guard of Portland! It cost \$127,000 to furnish her coal alone from Liverpool to Victoria! She is 556 feet in length; 75 feet beam; 75 feet deep (English measurement); 4000 tons register. She is propelled by two 400 horse power engines fed by 8 boilers and 24 furnaces; engines, boilers and surroundings are protected by 5½ inches of solid iron plate. Her outside plating is 4½ inches iron 6 ft below her water lines. She has bulkheads fore and aft her artillery room. Her decks are five in number—and when sailing or in battle orders are given by telegraph from station to station on board. She carries 80 tons of powder stored in two magazines, protected by 5½ inches solid iron plating.

FEROCEOUS COUGAR.—On the 21st ult, a little child three years old, of Mr Patton living on Bear creek, three miles west of Long Tom in Lane County, Oregon, was killed by a cougar. The child was playing in the yard, and within ten feet of the door of the dwelling, when the cougar sprang upon it from the bushes which grow near the house. The mother seeing the beast drag her child towards the timber, seized a stick and started in pursuit. She attacked the cougar with such resolution that it dropped its burden, and the heroic woman taking the lifeless body under one arm and her only remaining child under the other, made her way to a neighbor's house a mile and a half distant. Mr Patton was absent from home at the time.—Herald, Portland.

UNION HOOK & LADDER & Co.—This company nominated Mr J. Kriemler for Chief Engineer, and Mr Dalby for Assistant Chief, on Wednesday night. Whatever may be the contest for Assistant Chief, the election of Mr Kriemler as Chief appears pretty certain.

FROM PORTLAND.—The steamer Active, Captain Floyd, arrived here at half-past seven yesterday morning, having left Portland on the night of 7th inst; she was detained by fog on the river before reaching Astoria. She has brought 80 tons of freight for this port, 35 cabin passengers, and 10 others, amongst whom were A. R. Robertson Esq., barrister, and wife, from Canada; Messrs Vogel and Sehl of this city, from a trip to San Francisco. The Active reports the Orillamue having left Astoria, for San Francisco, on the morning of the 3th inst. This vessel, it is said, will be the next of the Company's boats for this port; and that Mr Holland will remain at Portland until she returns, to come over on her, if in the meantime, he does not decide upon taking the overland trip. She brought no English mail. The agents of the Active advertise freight for the Sound from Portland at \$2 per ton, to connect with the Anderson, and passenger rates are as heretofore.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE CO.—When this company charged a tariff of £25 for a message by their line, the receipts per day were £575; when reduced to £10, the receipts were £575; when again reduced to £5 5s, the receipts rose to £685. A further reduction, no doubt, would give a greater receipt. What a pity it is our steamboat companies cannot see the soundness of the policy of cheap fares—of accommodating the tariff upon travelling, to the means of all classes. It is the experience of the world that the soundest policy lies in placing whatever the masses need, within their means of getting. Wages of all kinds are rising in this city, and throughout the Colony, out of proportion, but even at the present rate of fares it is doubtful if we get that kind of immigration we most need. We heard of three laborers who yesterday refused to work for \$2 50 and board.

INDIAN CORN.—Some very fine stalks of Indian corn, a sample of over an acre, may be seen at this office, which were grown by Mr Lester on Salt Spring Island, this season. Eight feet eight inch high is hardly an average and they are very productive. They were grown from seed imported by the former Agricultural society which was given to one of the settlers on the Island, who again redistributed and now a considerable extent of ground is planted with the same yearly; only one evidence of some of the benefits to be derived from Agricultural Societies. It is pleasing to be able to notice from time to time, the many proofs of the increase of our agricultural interests.

CABLE RESURRECTION.—The stmr Diana returned yesterday with the remains of the submarine telegraph cable laid two years since between this and San Juan Island. It recovered occupied twentyfour hours continuous labor with a patent capstan, loaned for the occasion by our friend McQuade. Most of the cable was found to be sound and ready for future service should occasion require, and will be held in reserve for future emergencies.

Screw steamers have been put to the test of close comparison by the Cunard Co. The Scotia is a side wheel ship and the Java a screw. The former consumes more than double the coals per ton per mile. On our coast the great cost of fuel would seem to give preference to screws, and we understand they are of equal speed or nearly so. The Cunard Company has changed to screws altogether.—Atla.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT.—A correspondent complains that the statement we gave a few days since of the expense of sustaining the American President is exaggerated. The paragraph containing the statement in question, was first taken from a leading New York journal, and we copied it, as others did, although some of the items of expense appeared to us rather overdrawn.

NOR BAD.—Mr Stephens, of the Half Way House, Saanich road, planted three quarters of an acre of ground this season with the Early Sovereign potato. Besides supplying his own house, he has cleared \$170 in cash from this crop. He got one cent per pound for all the potatoes he sold.

THE J. L. STEPHENS.—A private telegram received yesterday states that this vessel would leave San Francisco for Portland yesterday morning. Mr J. L. Stephens of this city we understand is expected by her on his return from England. It is not known how ever whether the John L. Stephens will come on to Victoria.

DESERTERS.—Three more men from the M. S. Pylades deserted a few days since. Officer McMillan got on their track, and succeeded in arresting the whole of them yesterday. The men were working on Mr Williams' farm, on the Saanich road. They were returned to the naval authorities.

POLICE COURT.—James Hamilton appeared before the court yesterday, charged with stealing three bottles of soda-water valued at \$3 50, together with some other little things. Remanded until Monday next.

CONVENTION.—At a meeting of the residents of Metchoin held on Wednesday last, Mr Fulton was unanimously elected to represent that district at the forthcoming Yale Convention.

DELUGE CO. No. 1.—At a meeting of this Company held last evening, Mr John Vogel received a unanimous nomination for Assistant Chief Engineer.

MR ROBERTSON, barrister-at-law, returned to this city yesterday morning by the steamer Active. He is about to resume the practice of his profession here.

The steamer George S. Wright sailed for the different ports on the Sound yesterday. She will return here to-morrow.

Those who suffer from nervous irritations, itching uneasiness, and the discomfort that follows from an enfeebled and disordered state of the system, should take AYER'S SASSAPARILLA, and cleanse the blood. Purge out the lurking distemper that undermines the health, and the constitutional vigor will return.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Europe.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—In the Standard the editorial on the American treaty with China says, we cannot share the jealousy and suspicion with which the London Times regards this treaty; in it we see nothing, which shows that the United States has acquired a monopoly of the privileges, nor does the treaty give any evidence that China is fastening itself on a rock of sloth or stagnation, but on the contrary it gives proof that the Chinese are preparing for an advance by opening windows in the great wall which separates celestials from civilization.

The contractors who built the Metropolitan underground railroads have made propositions, to construct the proposed underground railroad in New York city, and furnish all the capital required to complete the road in case the projectors may fail to obtain the same at home.

Reverdy Johnson made a speech at the annual feast of cutlers at Sheffield yesterday, saying he entered England on a mission of peace, and claimed that America entertained the kindest feelings towards England.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—A serious political riot occurred yesterday at Cork, people assembled in the street in great numbers, and were very boisterous. The troops quelled the disturbance at the point of the bayonet.

The Pall Mall Gazette discusses the Chinese treaty with the United States. The writer says, the treaty looks as if the foreign merchants residing in China are on one side, and the Chinese nation with Burlingame on the other, were trying to neutralize each others statements and demands. Here in England we are not to be taken by storm. The liberal exchange of opinions between the embassy and representative of the English Government, will demonstrate that changes in the position of Great Britain and China are demanded by the times, and will benefit both sides.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 4.—The Coroners inquest on the bodies of the victims at the late railway disaster, found a verdict of manslaughter against two of the breakmen, for criminal negligence.

Asia.

Advices from Teheran announce that the heir to the Persian throne has died of cholera.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Both the Panama steamers sailed to-day at noon, carrying together 828 passengers.

A suit was commenced yesterday against the British ship William Chandler to recover \$343,000 for carrying an excess of passengers of 343, from Hong Kong to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Legal Tender 69½@70.

Flour, superfine, \$5 25@5 50; extra \$6 25@6 50.

Wheat, \$1 90@1 95.

Barley, Choice new, \$2 30@2 40.

Oats, \$2 50, choice \$2 62½.

Sailed, Sept. 7.—Ship David Hoadley Teekaleit; schooner Cora Knacke, Port Ludlow.

Arrived.—Bark Cordovia, 166 days from Liverpool; bark Ava, 18 days from Corraue; brig Tanner, 14 days from Sabeck, with lumber.

Cleared.—British bark Ashburton, Port Townsend.

Second Dispatch.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Secretary Schofield has directed a Board of Officers to ascertain the most suitable armament for Alcatraz and other forts on the Pacific coast.

New York, Sept. 7.—The steamer Dacotah from Aspinwall has arrived. A powerful rich company has been formed in London for the continuous telegraph from England to China by way of the Mediterranean.

Canada.

HALIFAX, Sept. 4.—Attorney General Williams concluded the debate on the repeal resolution in a most violent Anti-Confederation speech of the session. Blanchard and Pine the only two Union members retired, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

New York, Sept 6.—An Ottawa special says, six Fenian Head Centres from New York and Massachusetts, for the purpose of watching the trial of Whalen are expected. Further arrests will be made to-night.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations and other diseases affecting the skin, are amenable by this cooling and healing unguent. It has cured the most stubborn, and the most dangerous, and the most numerous, abscesses, and chronic ulcers, after every hope of cure had long passed away. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of this Ointment can form an idea of the comfort it bestows, restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever this Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and has again been eagerly sought for, as the easiest and safest remedy for all ulcerous complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

What is Confederation?

EDITOR COLONIST.—If you and I, Mr Editor, were well to do in the world, and many of our friends were to rush upon us all of a sudden, and insist that it was undoubtedly necessary, for our very existence, to take upon us without delay, the business of pork butchering let us say for example, should we not as sensible men, immediately ask the why and wherefore, and should we be contented or convinced with mere assertion in place of argument, and be ready at the mere reiteration of the cry 'pork butchering my boy' to lay aside our peace and comfort and with doubtful prudence enter on a business of which we know literally nothing? I doubt even if we should be inclined to do so if we were badly off or wanting employment; no one likes entering on a venture without enquiry, unless he is a fool. Now does not the present position of Confederation with the Dominion of Canada bear this aspect? Here we are, if you like it, very badly off (but I don't admit it) and we are urged, begged, intreated, threatened, on the subject of Confederation, but are or have any arguments in its favor been put forth? Declaration, outcry, assertion, is not argument. We want to know what it will do for us; and what harm it will do us. Mr Bull has put forth some arguments per contra, rather ably I think, but no one attempts to refute them except by counter charges of stupidity, blindness, or factious opposition. Either give us arguments founded, or refute those of the opposite party, I say to friends of Confederation, for unless you do so, depend upon it you won't carry Confederation by acclamation.

Now, as in the United States, all sorts of dodges are had recourse to, to win votes on the eve of a Presidential Election, such as the Eight-hour Bill, &c.; so in this country, the promoters of Confederation endeavor to win the popular cry in their favor by making it appear that we are over taxed, misgoverned, embarrassed financially, and on the eve of destruction, and that thus any change must be advantageous. This is the constant cry of the Press, this is what goes abroad. Now I ask you Mr Editor, do you in your heart believe that this country is one jot more financially embarrassed than she was some five years ago? Now for a few facts. The grand embarrassment of the Colony is her public debt, amounting at this moment, for the United Colony, to \$1,200,000, for which sinking fund and interest, we have to pay annually just a quarter of our revenue, i. e. about \$130,000. Now, is the public aware of this fact, that that sum has to be every year sent to England; I doubt it, but still this was exactly the state of the case five years ago, the public debt has not increased one jot. But we are the less embarrassed than we were five years ago by a reduction in the Civil List of \$90,000! i. e. in the now united Colony versus the two former Colonies. Everybody knows who cares to find it out, that the revenue is steadily increasing, that the temporary loans are gradually being diminished, that the Colony is paying its way, that agriculture, stock raising, the lumber trade, mining, flour manufacture, &c., are all on the increase, and yet for Confederation purposes we are told that we are fatally embarrassed, drowning, and so on. Now let the question of Confederation be fairly met; met as honest men, anxious, not for our own but our country's good. What good will Confederation do us? First of all, it will swallow us up. We shall lose our identity. Our lumber exports, fisheries, gold, will be Dominion gold, lumber, fisheries. Then it will be a change of matters. We now acknowledge the Government of Downing street, then we shall hail that of Ottawa or Montreal, now we endeavor to get a hearing and with some little success in the British Parliament for our grievances, then in vain will our miserable three or five members raise their puny voices amid the clash of conflicting Dominion interests. But Canada will take over our Loan; certainly she will, but she will at the same time take over what we are now re-paying it with and more besides, she will, as Mr Bull says truly, have a taxing power and won't forget to use it, while worse than all these taxes, instead of being spent in the country, as they now are, will be sent to Canada to be spent there, and there will be extra taxation, for the Local Government must be maintained. Moreover, if we go in now we can never get out again, while it is always open for us at any future time, to join the Dominion if we think good. But Canada will make us an Overland road. It may be so, but if I err not, Great Britain ere two years, will be compelled, if she wants to retain her China trade, to make an Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, better than a wagon road I trust; and who shall say that the wagon road will have any actual results? From all I hear, things are prosperous in Canada, and certainly if a Canadian farmer reads the Colonist he will never set foot in Columbia, i. e., if he has the slightest prospect of success in his own country. But then we shall have such able Executive officers, such open-hearted, generous, thrifty, progressive officials. Don't you believe it; men are very much alike all the world over, and I think this Colony may compare favorably with other parts of the world, as regards the honor and freedom from jobbery of its officials, and I have heard that Canada is not so celebrated.

What I hope is, nay what I believe in, that this colony will wait two or three years before she jumps blindly into this Confederation. Let us see the actual results of Union of V I with the mainland. Let things have time to recover. Give the Governor and the Government fair play and assistance instead of censure and opposition. Let us believe in and build up our own future, and we shall then be implored to come into the Dominion on our own terms instead of rushing into it on theirs. Let our public press overflow with articles and facts, advancing and illustrating actual progress and prosperity instead of teeming with personal invective and detected self-abuse, so fatal in its effects on immigration, and then Con-

federated may be hailed with pleasure by all right thinking men, instead of being as it is now, an actual bugbear, with which small children are put to sleep, and large ones i. e. those of sense and substance, are utterly disgusted.

I trust on the principle of hearing both sides; you will admit these remarks to your columns.

Yours,
SELF RELIANCE.

ARE YOU BILIOUS?—Multitudes of both sexes will answer this question in the affirmative; for, next to disorders of the stomach, liver-complaints are perhaps the most prevalent of all internal diseases. Its usual symptoms are a yellowish tinge in the whites of the eyes, especially near the inner corners, an uneasy or slightly painful sensation in the right side, pain between the shoulder blades, sick-headache; lassitude, mental dullness, lack of appetite, and irregularity of the bowels. Whoever recognizes this diagnosis as applying to his own condition, may be quite certain that bile exists in his blood and less passes through his bowels than is expedient for his health, and that his liver requires toning and regulating. One of the special uses of

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